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FOR: ACETYL AMINO ACID RACEMASE FROM AMYCOLATOPSIS  
ORIENTALIS FOR RACEMIZING CARBAMOYL AMINO ACIDS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** appears on page 5 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response.

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